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**NEW MACHINE HAS DEFECTS --** Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 109, 11 May 49

An entirely new mining machine is becoming an increasingly familiar sight in the Moscow coal basin. This is the MP-1 sinking combine designed by Engineers Mel'nikov and Petrov. The combine cuts and loads coal by itself. The combine cut a new drift of 140 running meters in 15 days. The machine cuts almost 10 meters a day on the average, at five times the speed of ordinary manual methods. This machine however, as well as other coal-mining machines, still has serious defects. For example, it should have a more powerful motor. Some miners find it difficult to operate.

ARTHEM AND SUCHAN MINES COMPLEX: QUARTER PLAN -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 79,  
5 Apr 49

The Artem and Suchan coal mines, the leading mines in Primor'kiy Krai, fulfilled the first-quarter coal-mining plan 106.3 percent and 107.5 percent respectively. In March the average daily mining in the Suchan mine exceeded the February level by 110 tons and the 1940 level by 250 tons. The Suchan mine cutters exceeded the March schedule by 9 percent, particularly in mine-preparatory work. Mine No 20 took first place in the Suchan competition by exceeding the March mining plan 15 percent and the plan for mine-preparatory work 14 percent. Mines No 16, 1, 26, 21, and 24 also exceeded the month plan. The Suchan mines as a whole exceeded the March coal-mining plan by 6.6 percent, whereas the Artem mines fulfilled the plan 100.1 percent. Artem Mine No 2/9 took the lead in the Artem competition by mining more than six trainloads of coal above plan. Mine No 1 had nearly two trainloads of coal above plan to its credit. Mine No 3 was 12 trainloads behind schedule in March.

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**UGLOVSKIY MINE COMPLETES PLANS** -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 75, 31 Mar 49

The Uglovskiy Mine of the Primorskiy Kray Fuel Administration completed the first-quarter coal-mining plan on 22 March and the month plan on 27 March. Mine No 2-bis took first place in the competition by completing the plans for all types of mine work.

**MOSCOW COAL MINERS FULFILL 5-MONTH PLAN** -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 111, 13 May 49

Stalinogorsk -- Miners of the "Oktyabr'ugol'" Trust completed the 5-month plan for coal cutting on 11 May. The 5-month plan for hauling coal to consumers was fulfilled at the beginning of May.

Workers of Mine No 27-bis of "Stalinogorskugol'" Trust also completed the 5-month plan on 11 May and were fifth in the Moscow basin to complete the 5-month plan ahead of schedule.

**KOSPASH COAL MINES AT 1950 LEVEL** -- Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 109, 11 May 49

The Kospash coal mines, near Kizel, Molotov Oblast, have been producing coal since 1947 at the level set for 1950. The Kospash mines, constructed and put into operation during the war, continue to expand. Mining settlements now extend for 20 kilometers. The construction of a streetcar line, connecting the mining settlements with Kizel, will begin this year.

**UKRAINIAN MINERS STEP UP PRODUCTION** -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 19, 25 Jan 49

On 24 January the Nikanorovskoye Mine Administration of "Voroshilov-ugol'" Trust and the "Ivan" Mine of "Pervomayskugol'" Trust completed the January plan for coal cutting. Six mines and mining administrations of the "Voroshilovgradugol'" Combine have completed the month plan.

Workers of Mine No 64 of the "Snezhnyanatratsit" Trust completed the January plan 9 days ahead of schedule. The miners were cutting coal on the February quota as of 23 January.

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